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SUBJECT: WCIWY--PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S APPROACH ON CERDS
REFERENCES IN FINAL DECLARATION.

REF: MEXICO 5591

1. DEPARTMENT HEARTILY ENDORSES THE LINE YOU TOOK IN
RESPONDING TO GUTIERREZ RE ECHEVERRIA'S DESIRE FOR
"AMPLE ALLUSIONS" TO CERDS IN THE WCIWY FINAL DECLARATION.

2. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN CONSULTING WITH OTHER
WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO VOTED AGAINST OR ABSTAINED ON CERDS
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IN 29TH UNGA ON PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO
CERDS AND THE NIEO RESOLUTIONS IN HOPES OF ARRIVING AT
SIMPLIFIED AND UNIFIED APPROACH (STATE 133602). WE HAVE
INITIAL RESPONSES FROM MOST OF THESE CAPITALS (REPEATED

TO YOU) INDICATING A RANGE OF REACTIONS WHICH WE HOPE IN DUE COURSE TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH THESE GOVERNMENTS IN SOME APPROPRIATE INFORMAL MEETING. IN ANY EVENT, THE PROGRESS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS HAS NOT REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE CAN FORESEE THE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WE MIGHT REACH WITH OUR FRIENDS ON DEALING WITH THIS NETTLESOME QUESTION. HENCE, THE GENERAL GUIDELINES WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING TO DATE (PROVIDED TO OUR DELEGATION TO THE WCIWY)

STILL GOVERN, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY'S AND DELEGATION'S CONSULTATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT AS AND WHEN SPECIFIC INSTANCES ARISE DURING COURSE OF WCIWY.

3. EVEN THOUGH OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS ABOVE ARE INCOMPLETE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONCENTRATE OUR POSITION ON CERDS (AND NIEO) REFERENCES INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE WITH KEY WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO WCIWY IN AN EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A UNIFORM APPROACH TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN CURRENT GUIDELINES, DRAWING ON STATE 133602 AS APPROPRIATE. BASICALLY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT LANGUAGE THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED TO REPRESENT A CHANGE IN OUR POSITION ON CERDS, AND WE ASSUME THIS TO BE THE POSITION OF MOST LIKE-MINDED DELEGATIONS. AS YOU KNOW, WE CAN "NOTE", OR "TAKE ACCOUNT OF" OR "BEAR IN MIND" CERDS, BUT WE CANNOT APPROVE IT OR ENDORSE IT, E.G. AS A FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL, OF COURSE, IF U.S. AND KEY WESTERN DELEGATIONS COULD WORK QUIETLY WITH MEXICANS TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE SO AS TO AVOID TIME-CONSUMING AND CONFRONTATIONAL FLOOR FIGHT ON THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE. IN MAKING THIS APPROACH, MEXICANS SHOULD REALIZE OUR DELEGATION CAN ACT ONLY WITHIN WELL-DEFINED LIMITS.

5. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON CERDS AND NIEO
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HAS GONE FORWARD UNDER COVER OF DEPARTMENT'S CIRCULAR A-4286 OF JUNE 24.

6. RE MEXICO'S 5599, IF G-77 ADVANCES PROPOSAL STATING "IT IS NECESSARY TO FORM A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER, OF WHICH THE CERDS IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT", U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD TAKE A VERY RESERVED POSITION, SINCE WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULATION. WE DID NOT ACCEPT IT IN WCIWY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK, AND IN FACT WE AND THE BRITISH SUCCEEDED IN CHANGING IT WITH MEXICAN CONCURRENCE TO AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULATION.(REF STATE 57692 AND USUN 56639, INFO MEXICO CITY.)

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